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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Utilities Engineering Branch,
Real Estate and Construction Division, OL

SUBJECT : Requirement for Diesel Engineer or Mechanic
on FE Area Engineer's Staff

REFERENCE : A. Memorandum from Chief, UEB/RECD/OL to Chief,
[REDACTED] numbered: OL 3-3281, dated
2 May 1963.
B. [REDACTED] dated 5 April 1963.

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1. [REDACTED] Materiel personnel, who are familiar with the diesel engine maintenance problem that exists at various overseas installations, concur with the recommendation presented by the FE Area Engineer in paragraph 5 of reference B. As he stated, the service calls for assistance have increased beyond the capability of the [REDACTED] Station diesel mechanics to handle. As a result the operating efficiency of all diesel equipment in the area has deteriorated.

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2. In answer to the questions contained in paragraph 2 of reference A, we cannot foresee any problems of a security nature. The diesel engineer would have the same freedom of movement enjoyed by either [REDACTED]. The number of days he would have to spend at [REDACTED], as well as the number of times he would have to visit the site, depends upon the condition and the operating hours of the equipment.

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3. An important factor to consider in determining the practicality of having a roving diesel engineer available is the inability of [REDACTED] to secure experienced, qualified technicians from local commercial sources. The only recourse has been to solicit aid from [REDACTED]. While [REDACTED] personnel have been doing a creditable job, it must be recognized that their general knowledge does not provide the specialized skills needed to perform other than routine maintenance.

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